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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 264

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1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
Col. D. H. Smith	Army
Mr. J. A. Minogue	Army
Lt. D. P. Harvey	Navy
Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
Mr. Chas. P. Berney	Air Force
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	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

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- \* In attendance for review of Chapter I.
- \*\* In attendance for review of Chapter I and NIS Annual.
- \*\*\* In attendance for review of NIS Annual.

2. Review of Chapter I on Luxembourg

The Committee reviewed the Chapter I on NIS 6 (Luxembourg) and approved the draft with minor changes. The Chapter I Task Group was requested to review comments submitted by the member agencies. The Committee decided to control this chapter in view of contributor controls placed on "Comments on Principal Sources" of Sections 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, and on all of Section 18.

The chairman observed that the majority of contributions to Chapter I on Luxembourg were out of proportion to the importance and size of the country, with the result that OBI editors had to spend considerable time in cutting back the contributions to reasonable size. He requested agency coordinators to guard against this practice in the preparation of future Chapter I contributions on small countries.

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3. Review of NIS Annual on India

The Chapter I coordinator reported that all contributions to the NIS Annual on India had been received and reviewed, including the recently submitted SEC contribution on Atomic Energy. He stated that the questions raised on Defense agencies' contributions had been resolved. The State member submitted redrafts of State's contributions which he hoped would overcome deficiencies in the original contributions.

mo | The chairman pointed out that this Annual, like the one on Poland (refer to Item 2 NCM 261), is wordy, contains too much detail, and lacks economy and precision of intelligence presentation. He added that these defects increase contributors' work and detract from the usefulness of the finished product. He felt that properly drafted Annuals could be produced without seriously affecting other NIS capabilities, providing contributors clearly understood what was required in the first instance. He emphasized that the prime objective of the Annual is to indicate the major changes which have occurred since the publication of the related Chapter I to maintain its continuing validity in all fundamental aspects.

After considerable discussion regarding capabilities, the Committee decided to reexamine the tentative Outline Guide and Priority List for NIS Annuals, which had been prepared by OBI, with the view to developing firm requirements and a production schedule at the next meeting.

4. Other Matters

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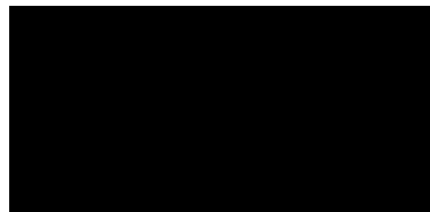
a. The Committee recommended to S/~~25X1X7~~ the release of Section 83M (Air Forces) on NIS 20 (Albania) [REDACTED] and its subordinate commands in response to a specific request from USNMR, SHAPE, as submitted by the Army member in memorandum dated 15 April 1958.

b. The members were handed copies of Change Sheet No. 1, dated 22 April 1958, which reflects all changes approved by the NIS Committee since the revised Production Schedule was issued under date of 21 January 1958 (refer to Item 5 NCM 258).

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5. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 29 April 1958.

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